Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : As the Government are bearing the full deficit of the local boards, what is the difficulty in converting these high schools into Government high schools?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : In course of time, they will be converted into Government schools.

Polytechnic for women

* 124 *Q.*—Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to start a polytechnic for women with the aid of UNESCO; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) There is a proposal to start a polytechnic for women but not with the aid of UNESCO.

(*b*) The proposed polytechnic will have the following courses :—

Nature of the course.	*Strength.*
(1) Electronics (Radio Engineering)	20
(2) Secretarial Course	30
(3) Costume designing and Dress-making	20
(4) Civil Engineering Draughtsmanship	30

Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. Minister tell us where the polytechnic will be located?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : We are in search of a place and we have not been able to find one. We are just now examining whether we can get suitable accommodation in the centre of the City. As soon as a decision is taken about the location, we will start it.

Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Government locate it in the mufassal, say in South Arcot or in any other district?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : We propose to have three such polytechnics under the Third Five-Year Plan. One of them will be in Madras and the other two will be in the mufassal centres. Which exactly are the centres has not been decided.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : How is it, Sir, the Government thought Civil Engineering to be a fit subject for women?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : It is the draughtsman's course, and they are best fitted for it.

Paper factory

* 125 *Q.*—Sri A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether there is any